

LINE OFFICERS OF BLUES BATTALION HAVE RESIGNED

Battalion to be Left Without Single Captain or Lieutenant.

FIGHT ON HOBSON AND CHEATWOOD

Line Officers and Men on One Side Against Staff, According to Statement Yesterday.

BALTIMORE TROUBLE BROUGHT THE CLIMAX

But Many Say Misunderstanding or Hostility Has Long Existed and Recent Developments But Caused the Break. Action Great Surprise.

"A" Company.
Captain E. W. Bowles.
First Lieutenant E. F. Hazen.
Second Lieutenant T. J. Mahony.
"B" Company.
Captain R. Page Burwell.
First Lieutenant T. G. Correll.
Second Lieutenant David Leary.
Line officers of the Blues who have sent in their resignations to the Adjutant-General.

Like a thunderclap came the announcement yesterday that every line officer of the Blues Battalion had sent in his resignation, giving as the reason, "for the good of the service."

There have been rumors about for some months that something was brewing between Major Cheatewood and Lieutenant Hobson, but until yesterday the matter was a closed book. It was known that the Blues were in a bad way, but it was not until yesterday that the truth was made known. It was then that the line officers of the Blues who have sent in their resignations to the Adjutant-General.

It was the difficulty which happened in Baltimore last Wednesday night at the theatre between Lieutenant Hobson and Private Blair that brought the matter to a climax, and which caused the line officers, backed by the men of their companies, to take the stand which, it is conceded, must either end in the withdrawal of every officer of the line from the battalion or the resignation of Major Cheatewood as commanding officer and Lieutenant Hobson as adjutant.

Did Not Arrest Hobson
As a result of what occurred in the box at the Baltimore theatre, which has caused considerable unfavorable criticism, a personal difficulty followed on the train on which the Blues Battalion returned to Richmond.

During the night it is claimed that Private Blair, while held by snipers, was struck at by Lieutenant Hobson, and that in the morning of the 14th, when the Blues were ordered to leave the city, he was again struck by a bullet in the back of the head, which was fatal.

Major Cheatewood, who was present at the encounter, placed Blair under arrest, and allowed Lieutenant Hobson to go without punishment. This act of the commanding officer did not meet with the approval of the men of "A" and "B" companies, and upon reaching Richmond they formed at the station and cheered Blair again and again as he left the train under military guard.

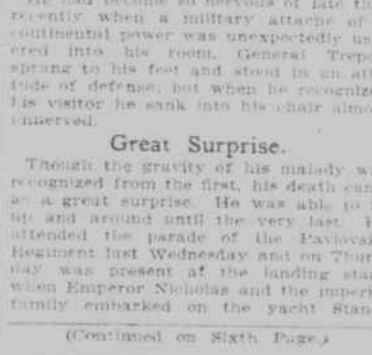
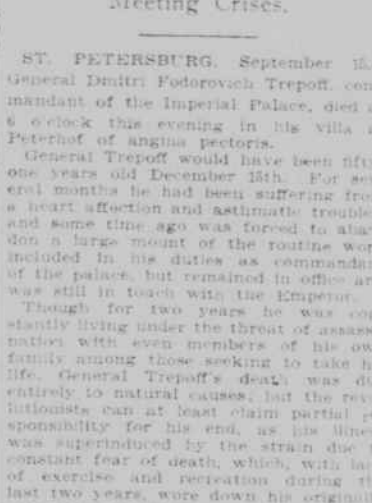
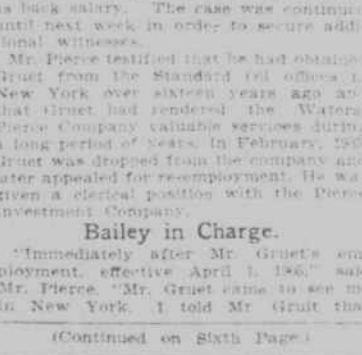
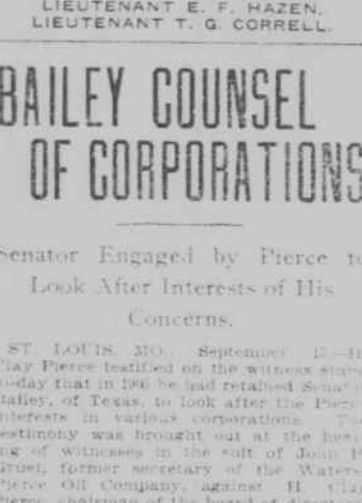
On reaching the army Blair was released, and a movement was taken to amicably adjust the difficulty.

In Friday next friends of Lieutenant Hobson and Private Blair arranged a satisfactory settlement of the trouble, and a letter of explanation was written and accepted. This letter will be read to the battalion at its next meeting.

Line Officers Meet.
Despite the announcement made by the officers and men of the Blues that the matter had been settled and that all misunderstanding was at an end, a meeting of the line officers, Captains Bowles and Burwell, First Lieutenants Hazen and Correll, and Second Lieutenants Mahony and Leary, was held Friday, at which time their formal resignations were written, signed and sent to the Adjutant-General, through Major Cheatewood, commanding the Blues.

The Major's Statement.
Major Cheatewood, who is still confined to his room on account of illness, issued the following statement:

"As commanding officer of the Blues,



IN OLD VIRGINIA AGAIN.

WARSHIPS LIE IN BAY READY TO LAND GUNS

American Force Gathering to Put Down Disorders in Cuba.

FUNSTON HURRIED TO WASHINGTON

Battleships Louisiana and Virginia Coal Hastily and Sail on Mysterious Mission.

TAFT DELAYED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ARTICLE

Fighting Reported From Several Points in Cuba. With Results Nowhere Definitely Known. Defense of Havana Considerably Increased.

THREE American warships are lying in Havana Bay, ready at a moment's notice to land marines, field pieces and rapid fire guns. The capital is quiet, but a revolution is reported elsewhere. The revolutionists claim a victory over General Fernandez, but this is denied. The result of a battle which has just occurred near El Cano is not yet known. Insurgents claim victory. San Domingo, in Santa Clara province, were reported. Reports from the United States charge at Havana declare the extent of the damage to American property near Cienfuegos has been exaggerated.

Acting under orders from Washington, the first-class battleships Louisiana and Virginia sailed hurriedly at Bradford, R. I., and sailed for an unknown point. General Frederick Funston has been ordered to Washington without delay. Secretary Taft returned to Washington and conferred with bureau chiefs. His departure for Cuba today, admitted himself to be urgently necessary, may be delayed by a magazine article he wishes to complete before he leaves. The movement of cruisers to Cuba, all carrying marines, continues. Mutilous conduct on the part of a portion of the crew was reported after the departure of the cruiser Cleveland from Norfolk.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS GUARDING HAVANA

Severe Fighting Reported From Several Points—Views on President's Letter.

HAVANA, September 15.—Three American warships are the most imposing and interesting objects in Havana Bay tonight. Their presence, undoubtedly, yet pointedly, is typical of the fact that it is the intention of the United States to take a hand in Cuban affairs to the extent of at least bringing order out of the present chaotic conditions.

The cruiser Des Moines arrived this morning, and the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, with 250 marines on board, and ready at a moment's notice to land field pieces and rapid fire guns, came this evening. Commander Abraham E. Culver, of the Des Moines, and Lieutenant-Commander Frank Holmes, of the Dixie, reported to the United States, of the power, who, being the senior officer, is in command of the squadron.

If Commander Culver's mission here was of the nature of making peace negotiations, he could hardly be more busy. He is receiving delegates representing the insurgents, and even some of the insurgents themselves, who are anxious through him to negotiate peace of some kind.

Both Claim Victory.
The revolutionists outside the city have not yet been dislodged to any extent. Unofficial stories of General Rodriguez's fleet with them say persons

Prizes in Garden Contest
Winners of flower garden prizes are requested to call at The Times-Dispatch business office, 216 East Main Street, to-morrow (Monday) between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. to receive cash rewards offered by this paper.

TEN THOUSAND HEAR BRYAN SING DEMOCRATIC PAEANS



MR. BRYAN, SPEAKING.

BLUE AND GRAY AT GETTYSBURG

Survivors of Contending Forces Meet and Shake Hands on Battlefield.

SWORD OF GEN. ARMISTEAD Presented to Men of the South by Pennsylvania Soldiers—Mrs. Pickett Was Present.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GETTYSBURG, PA., September 15.—At the "Highwater-mark" of the Southern Confederacy another link was added this afternoon to the chain which binds the North and South. The sword of Armistead, worn by him forty-three years ago, when he went to glory and death, was returned to his comrades. A perfect autumnal afternoon, the grizzled veterans of both armies gathered around, a last word from the widow of the immortal Pickett, all served to make an impressive incident without a flaw.

The Richmond party arrived here at 11 o'clock this afternoon. The trip from Richmond to Baltimore was devoid of incident. A meeting of the Pickett Association was held on board ship last night. Captain T. D. Jeffries, of Chase City, was chosen to act as commandant, and Colonel Charles T. Locher, secretary. Upon arrival in Baltimore, the party was met by a committee consisting of J. W. Broadhouse, Fifty-fourth Virginia; Jacob Klein and R. J. Burton, of Company E, First Virginia. At Union Station Mrs. George E. Pickett, widow of the general, her son, Major George E. Pickett, and his sons, George E. Jr., and Charles, were given a rousing ovation. R. D. Clayton and R. J. Walker, Fifty-third Virginia; Jacob S. Allen, Raleigh, N. C.; Company F, Twelfth North Carolina; H. C. Hudson, Chase City, Fifty-third Virginia; Alexander Walker, Seventeenth Virginia, and A. R. Williams, of the News-Leader, also joined the party in Baltimore.

Impressive Exercises.
A pretty incident of the trip occurred near Hanover, Pa., when Mrs. Pickett passed through the train and took each veteran by the hand. Every head was bowed and each man rose to his feet. Arriving at Gettysburg, dinner was soon

Governor Swanson.
Governor Swanson, who arrived early this morning from Richmond, was the guest of Judge George C. Cassel, Representative Flood, who accompanied the Governor, was also the guest of Judge and Mrs. Cassel at breakfast.

Representative Carter Glass arrived this morning and reached "Hawick," Governor Tyler's home, a few minutes before the arrival of the Governor and Mr. Flood. "Hawick" always one of the most beautiful residences in this section of

Democratic Ideas and Hopes are Growing the World Over.

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN BY HEARERS

Great Commoner Pays Well-Turned Compliment to Swanson, Tyler and Glass.

REPUBLICANS FALLEN SO LOW THEY HAVE ONLY ONE LEADER

President Roosevelt's Strength Due to His Courage in Taking Planks From Democratic Platform to Make His Administration a Popular One.

[Special from a Staff Correspondent.] EAST RADFORD, VA., September 15.—William Jennings Bryan spoke to ten thousand, probably twelve thousand people here today. The crowd came from as far east as Libbyburg, from the west as far as Bristol, and Big Stone Gap, from Bluefield and Galax, from Norton and Pikes. The enthusiasm with which Mr. Bryan's speech was received may have indicated that the people were in sympathy with all the views emanated by the Commoner; they meant at least a hearty welcome and a sincere admiration for the man.

Governor Swanson presented Mr. Bryan to the audience. Ex-Governor Tyler, in turn presented Governor Swanson. The Commoner's speech was spoken with all the fire which characterizes the efforts of the Chief Executive, and its reception indicated the wonderful hold he has upon the attention of the people.

It also indicated the warmth of the welcome the Virginians wish to extend their visitors. Mr. Bryan began by expressing his pleasure at visiting again the State in which his father was born, and where just the ashes of so many of his people.

Grateful Compliments.
He spoke in pleasant tones of ex-Governor Tyler, whom he had visited while the latter was Governor, and of Governor Swanson, with whom he had served in Congress. These two had spoken so highly of him it would be a strain, he said, to live up to the character they had given him.

He paid a compliment to Representative Glass, who was a member of the committee which had drafted the Chicago platform. "You must judge men," said Mr. Bryan, "not by the loftiness of their opinions or the eloquence of their speech, but the virtue of their deeds. We are much alike all over the world. A question is never settled until made a moral question."

"Democracy of the heart, that is why the Democratic party lives through defeat. (Applause.) I believe that in this country at this time there is hope of a Democratic victory, because there is a great moral revolution in progress." He alluded to the conditions which existed in Philadelphia some time ago. He believed in prayer, he said, but he thought those ministers who met to pray for the wrong man. They should have prayed for the right man. There was no community so steeped in wickedness it could not be reformed.

Democracy Grows.
"In all countries I have visited I found a strong democratic sentiment," said Mr. Bryan. In Japan, he said, and in China, it is growing. In Russia, Democracy is stronger every day, and, regarding the outcome in Russia, he could not predict. The time when democracy would triumph, he only knew it would come, just as he knew it would be summer some day.

Mr. Bryan rather apologized for "showing a leaning towards democracy," as he expressed it. He said for ten years the Republican party had been in control of every branch of the government; in control of a majority of the States. "Ten years of power, ten years of success, and the Republican party has fallen so low there is only one man to whom they can look as a promising candidate for the presidency. Why is it?" he asked. "That there is only one man to whom they can place their hope?"

"Because he is the only man they think can save the country," said a man in the crowd. There was tremendous applause. "Oh, no, my friends, that's not it," said Mr. Bryan, and he said any man in whom the party had confidence would do as a candidate. It was because the President had had courage to take planks from the

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN ATTENDS THE RADFORD FAIR.



IN OLD VIRGINIA AGAIN. SHAKING HANDS WITH OLD FRIENDS. ENJOYING RADFORD FAIR. BEGINS TO DISCUSS SERIOUS MATTERS. IN THE HEAT OF THE ORATORICAL BATTLE. "CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY." HIS SMILE WHILE DISCUSSING TRUSTS.